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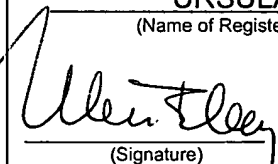
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: Di Salvo

In re PATENT Application of:	)
Francesco Di Salvo et al.	) Examiner: Pete Vrettakos
Appl. No.: 10/726,100	) Group Art Unit: 3739
Filed: December 2, 2003	)
For: SILVER ALLOYS FOR USE IN MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND MICROSURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE ALLOYS	)

### RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION dated August 8, 2005

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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This communication is in response to the Official Action of August 8, 2005  
having a shortened period for response terminating November 8, 2005.

☐ Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$            pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$            pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

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Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: